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Cape Nome has a newspaper and the first issue sold readily for fifty cents a copy. The paper is known as the Cape Nome News, and is published by J. F. A. Strong, formerly of Tacoma.

Vice-President Hobart is now improving though his physicians stated some days ago that his case was absolutely hopeless. The people throughout the entire country will be pleased to learn of his improvement and will rejoice at his ultimate recovery.

Major Logan, son of Gen. John A. Logan, is reported to have been killed last Sunday in an engagement in Luzon. Beside Major Logan, there were killed in the engagement six enlisted men, and eleven more were wounded. The enemy were routed and left 81 dead on the field.

It is stated that polygamist Roberts, of Utah, will be allowed to take his seat on the convening of congress but will be compelled to resign later. It strikes us as a travesty on the laws of our country that he is even allowed his freedom much less being permitted to assist in making new laws.

The United States cruiser Charleston ran on a reef off north Luzon, on the 7th instant, and was struck by a typhoon while thus situated and totally lost. All on board were saved before the typhoon struck. The Charleston had been in Philippine waters for about a year and was being used in the coast guard service.

The result of the elections last week was very gratifying indeed to the republican party and a strong endorsement of the administration. With the exception of Nebraska, which was carried by a fusion of democrats and populists, the different states counted on by republicans all went republican, and some of them by overwhelming majorities.

The conflict in the far east is still a matter for speculation though the latest reports from the field indicate that the English are now scoring an occasional victory. As the Sun stated in a former issue it is only a matter of time when the burghers will be overcome, but in the meantime they are putting up a hard fight and many good men on both sides are laying down their lives in the struggle.

While it is yet early to speculate very extensively on the berry crop for next season in Hood River valley, yet in conversation with several prominent berry growers we learn that the outlook is very promising. The older fields are in good shape in most cases, and the newly planted vines are doing well. The shipment of berries from this section next year will undoubtedly be larger than ever before.

W. R. Brown, a long time resident of The Dalles, endeavored to kill his wife last Saturday morning by slashing her with a knife. The Times-Mountaineer in speaking of the affair says:

"The brutal assault made by W. R. Brown on his wife this morning has raised general indignation, and were this not a cool and deliberate community, Brown's body would be ornamenting a lamp post instead of his being comfortably housed in the county jail. But better judgment prevails, and the law will be allowed to take its course. The terrible tragedy was the fruits of a too indulgent community. For years Brown has been in the habit of abusing his wife whenever under the influence of liquor. And he never called to account for his misdeeds years ago, he would probably have not been so bold as to attempt to take the life of his wife."

A whole sermon might be obtained from the above statements, yet how often do we note similar texts and comments and the indifferent results. The Times-Mountaineer justly places the blame, in part at least, on the community that permitted the brute's habitual abuse of his wife. But what about a community that permits the sale of liquor to such, and what about a law that gives license to such a case? And what about a man who will vote for such a law?

## THE HOOD RIVER FRUIT GROWERS UNION.

At the annual meeting of The Hood River Fruit Growers Union, held in the A. O. U. W. hall last Saturday morning the following named gentlemen were elected as a board of five directors for the ensuing year: T. R. Coon, H. J. Hibbard, J. H. Shoemaker, T. J. Cuning and G. J. Gessling. Afterwards an organization of the board with J. H. Shoemaker, president; T. J. Cuning, vice president; H. J. Hibbard, treasurer, and G. J. Gessling, secretary.

The volume of business done by the Union the past year was quite extensive as shown by the retiring secretary's report, which was read at the meeting and approved, and from which we obtain the following figures:

STRAWBERRY SHIPMENTS.  
Total No. crates shipped..... 16,917.  
Gross sales..... \$44,988.14.  
Average price per crate, gross..... 2.66.  
Net returns to Union..... 28,925.56.  
Distributed to growers..... 27,752.64.  
Av. per crate to growers, net..... 1.64.

CHERRY SHIPMENTS.  
Total No. boxes shipped..... 123.  
Gross sales..... 106.25.  
Net returns to Union..... 68.17.  
Av. price per box to growers..... 60¢.

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1899.

RECEIPTS:  
Bal. on hand Nov. 15, 1898..... 219.18.  
Returns on strawberries..... 28,925.56.  
Returns on cherries..... 68.17.  
Rebates..... 470.03.  
Union charges acct. 1898..... 35.45.  
Dalles National Bank..... 1.43.  
Dawson and Burdette..... 33.00.  
J. I. Wheeler acct. Stock..... 1.00.  
Valley Improvement Co..... 2.50.  
Assessment No. 3..... 100.00.  
Total..... 29,856.32.

DISBURSEMENTS:  
Paid growers for strawberries 27,752.64.  
Paid growers for cherries..... 74.48.  
Telegrams..... 172.32.  
S. E. Bartness acct. lumb'r & lath..... 73.61.  
Trav. Exp. E. E. Savage..... 162.05.  
Labor and salaries..... 956.55.  
R. G. Dunn & Co. subscript'n..... 50.00.  
O. R. & N. back charges on F. G. E. car No. 12772, ship'd by W. J. Smith..... 35.00.  
Incidentals, stamps, stat'ns..... 209.89.  
With treasurer..... 55.27.  
Cash on hand..... 1.57.  
Cash on hand ass'm't No. 3..... 100.00.  
Cash in Bank..... 153.34.  
Total..... 29,856.32.

That Sumpter is booming and her people progressive is no wonder if her citizens are made up of a class such as is made mention of in the article below and which we clip from the American:

"The Sumpter Townsite syndicate has a man at its head who is going at things in the right way to win in Sumpter. General Warren is naturally sociable and magnanimous, and even the little children soon find this out. He is a friend of every man who is a friend to himself. In business matters he is broad gauged and fair spirited in every detail. He expressed his own sentiments when he said to the writer: 'If you find our syndicate falsifying in anything, correct us publicly; if we misrepresent anything to women or inexperienced men, publish the facts to the world; if we deal with laboring men by duress, direct the best public sentiment against us, but if we act honorably and deal justly with all men, by the Eternal and Davy Jones we want you to say so sometimes publicly, too.' General, we will feel that we are in the line of duty while doing any one or all the above things, if the facts in the case so warrant."

"Forty-four cent wheat. That's raw material. An intensified hen, an incubator and a brooder. These are manufacturers. Eggs and other poultry products. These are manufactured articles. Every farmer a manufacturer. Do you see the point, farmer friend?"—Oregon Statesman.

There is matter for a great deal of careful thought in the above brief clipping. With wheat selling at 45 cents a bushel, and eggs at from 25 cents to 35 cents a dozen, it requires but little argument to prove it to be a good business proposition to pay more attention to the egg and chicken industry and not quite so much to wheat farming. A small capital intelligently devoted to such an industry, will without question, be a paying investment.

How much different is General Wood's way of doing business to that of many officers whose names might be mentioned. The condition of affairs in Santiago, Cuba, has improved so rapidly under his able management that he deems the large force there now as being more than are necessary, and recommends that some be withdrawn. Such men as he and Admiral Dewey go far toward establishing a prestige and precedent in public affairs that others in high official positions might well seek to emulate.

## Exchange Clippings.

### Interesting Paragraphs Gleaned From Various Sources.

#### Care of the Orchard.

The past year, with its unusual climatic conditions, has been marked by a signal neglect of tillage operations in the orchards of the state. One result of this has been the formation of an extra large amount of fruit wood and buds, and under ordinary conditions, next spring there will set a very much greater amount of fruit than will be best for both the interest of the tree and the orchardist. The orchard should receive a judicious, yes, a vigorous pruning this winter, to the end that liberal thinning of fruit spurs shall be had, otherwise the more expensive work of hand thinning must be done or else there will be produced a mass of inferior fruit for which no market can be found, and as too often occurs, the larger part of the crop becomes a waste.

Now is the time to make a thorough examination of the trees; study the various systems of pruning and the ends they are sought to reach. Watch the insect and fungous foes and the climatic effects upon the fruit and foliage buds, and with the opening of spring be prepared to give the orchard a vigorous but judicious pruning and then follow this with generous tillage of the soil. Only under conditions like these can we expect to get the best of returns from the orchard next year, under the usual Oregon climatic conditions.—Oregon Agricultural College and Experimental Station.

#### Dewey Married.

It is in the hearts of all the people of the country to extend congratulations to Admiral Dewey on his marriage. In this as in other affairs he has exhibited his simple, straightforward good sense. His more arduous duties over, he concludes to marry and "settle down," which is presumably an eminently wise resolve. Having so decided, and realizing that he is no longer a young man, he wastes no time, but secures a wife at once. Having chosen the lady, or she having chosen him, or they having chosen each other, they are married in a quiet, simple, old-fashioned way, without announcement and descriptions and fuss and commotion and parade and display, such as a less sensible man in so high a position would have desired. In all the affair Dewey has again proven himself the quiet, prompt, self-reliant, level-headed man that the people have learned to so thoroughly admire and respect.—Telegram.

It is perhaps not understood that the system of rural delivery of mails which has been put into operation at Turner, Hood River, La Grande, and perhaps other places in Oregon, is not permanently established. The provision in law under which the rural delivery has been inaugurated provides only for experimental work, and it will be well for the farmers in the districts which now enjoy this service to send petitions to their representatives in congress, asking that rural delivery be made a permanent thing. Wherever the farming population is dense rural delivery is a success, and there is no question as to its convenience and value.—Eugene City Guard.

Those Robinson, of Wind river, shot a grouse the other day, and upon opening the gizzard found several fine specimens of gold. This would seem to prove that there is placer gold on Wind river. Mr. Robinson is positive that the grouse was hatched and raised in the vicinity of the place where it was killed. Some of our would be miners ought to take a trip up through that country and see if they are not as smart as the grouse.—Pioneer.

Guy Pilkington, formerly of Hood River, and brother of Dr. Pilkington, of Antelope, was recently married at Santa Fe, New Mexico, to a Spanish lady of high standing. The wedding was a grand affair and was attended by the governor of the territory and his staff. Mr. Pilkington is superintendent of a large mine in the territory.—Times-Mountaineer.

One of the new dwelling houses being built by S. P. Shutt on his choice residence block in Parkinson's addition, will be completed this week and has already been rented for \$20 per month. Mr. Shutt expects to leave next week for his home in Hood River, where he will spend the winter. He expects to return here in the spring.—American.

#### Tribute from the South.

[From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.] Apropos of all this, and other news from Paris, we take this opportunity to express our admiration of the extremely able and interesting news service from Paris and London which "The Chicago Tribune" has been running daily in its columns for several months past. Several of the New York dailies have excellent cable letters from London and sometimes other European capitals in their Sunday issues, but they appear as a rule only once a week, the brief dispatches which they get on the other days of the week being confined to such news as is of interest to the South in the way of an intelligible and adequate presentation of European news. "The Chicago Tribune's" foreign service, signed "Grace Corns" from Paris and "J. W. Williams" from London, taking it all the week around, is a long way ahead of the foreign news service of any of the New York papers. One or two of the New York papers have had for years a deservedly high reputation for presenting their readers with news of interest from foreign parts, and the public will not forget its indebtedness to them on that account. But it is beyond dispute that the star of journalism is Westward taking its way, and that the Journalism of Chicago is beginning to be the metropolitan journalism of the present, and will certainly be, if things move as they are moving now, the metropolitan journalism of the future. We do not generally, if at all, approve the policy of "The Chicago Tribune," but, apart from its politics, it is in our opinion, superior to any of the New York papers. Not only is its foreign news service the best in the United States, but its home news service covers the country with a fulsome to which the New York papers are strangers. "The Tribune's" edition last Sunday must have caused online of envy to the Journalists of which hitherto none of the Gotham papers has been equal.

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